



August 28, 2008

Dear Editor:

Dillon Tribune Examiner, Madisonian, Montana Standard

RE: Application for an Amendment to Operating Permit 00009 for the Barretts Minerals, Inc. Mill Located near Dillon in Beaverhead County

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your next Sunday edition of your newspaper once per week for three weeks:

Legal Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received an application to amend Operating Permit No. 00009 from Barretts Minerals, Inc., pertaining to the operation of its mill located about 8 miles south of Dillon, Montana, in Beaverhead County. The mill processes talc from the various Barrett mines in the area. The site is located in Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 9 West.

The proposed amendment would create additional wet storage for tailings material in an existing gravel pit and for future tailings storage in a proposed gravel pit. It would also increase the size of the permit boundary by 18.51 acres for a total permitted area of 71.48 acres.

DEQ has prepared a Draft Checklist Environmental Assessment (CEA) on the proposed amendment. Copies of the application to amend the operating permit and the CEA can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT or in the Carson Library at Western Montana College. In addition, the CEA will also be posted on the DEQ web page: www.deq.mt.gov. Comments on the proposed amendment must be submitted to DEQ by September 30, 2008. For information on the proposed amendment, or to submit comments on the proposed amendment, contact:

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Please send your **invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication** to DEQ at the address below to the attention of Laura Turner. To expedite payment indicate that the bill applies to # **EMB 5039-0044**. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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